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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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TAGS:PFOR, US. KE

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS GREETING

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO LEBANESE PRESIDENT FRANGIE. UNLESS YOU SEE OBJECTION, SUGGEST YOU DELIVER IN PERSON FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I EXTEND TO YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND THE LEBANESE PEOPLE MY WARM WISHES DURING THIS CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR SEASON.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOODWILL ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SEASON WILL PREVAIL AND THAT THE NEW YEAR WILL WITNESS SUCCESS IN YOUR UNTIRING EFFORTS TO BRING AN END TO THE STRIFE IN LEBANON. I LOOK FORWARD, AS I KNOW YOU DO, TO SEEING LEBANON ON HER TRADITIONAL PATH OF CONCILIATION AND PEACE.

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MAY I REAFFIRM TO YOU AT THIS TIME THE STAUNCH SUPPORT OF

THE UNITED STATES FOR LEBANON'S INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL  
INTEGRITY AND NATIONAL UNITY.

WITH BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT BUT HAS NO  
OBJECTION IF GOL WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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## Message Attributes

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